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operating the client device to periodically poll the server to obtain information about change in at least one of the printer's configuration and the printer's status.

33. (Previously Presented) A method of automatically updating a client device about a printer, the client device and printer communicating through a server, the method comprising:

periodically transmitting a request signal to the printer; each request signal transmission causing the printer to provide a respective response signal with information about at least one of the printer's configuration and the printer's status;

using the response signals to detect a change in the printer's configuration or status; and

updating the client device with the detected change in the printer's configuration or status.